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There are available in the CIA Library copies of four untranslated reports in Italian (nine pages) on activity of the Italian monarchist parties in February and March 1955.

- a. Report dated 4 March 1955 which discusses the failure of the negotiations in February 1955, between the PNM and PMP, to achieve a unification of the monarchist forces in Italy;
- b. Report dated 12 March 1955 on the positions of the PNM and the PMP vis-a-vis the Italian Government and the MSI, and the possibilities of a turn to the Right or the Left. In regard to the Regional elections in Sicily, the Monarchists are assured of Christian Democratic support because of their local strength;
- c. Report dated 15 March 1955 on Alberto Consiglio, head of the PNM Press Office who wrote three articles under the pseudonym Historicus for the crypto-Communist newspaper, Paese Sera. Alfredo Covelli, Secretary General of the PNM, defended this action of Consiglio's saying that the latter was free to collaborate with whichever paper would pay him the most, since the Party was unable at this time to satisfy his financial needs; and
- d. Report dated 26 March on the parallel positions of the two monarchist parties in regard to the Government. However the PNM is more cautious in committing its support to the coalition, because of internal dissensions. Covelli believes that a governmental crises should be avoided until after the Sicilian elections, since a victory for the Christian Democratic and Monarchist wing could easily lead to an opening to the Right. The PLI is also involved in such a move, as it could conceivably function as an intermediate step in a move to the Right by the Government, from which to move to a unification of the monarchist forces and even possibly on to an alliance with the MSI. The present support of the coalition by the Monarchists must therefore be viewed in the light of the above hopes, which could never be realized if the present government fell.

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Washington Comment. The following is an index to the abbreviations used in the text of this report:

Partito Nazionale Monarchico (PNM; National Monarchist Party)

Partito Monarchico Popolare (PMP; Popular Monarchist Party)

Movimento Sociale Italiano (MSI; Italian Social Movement)

Partito Liberale Italiano (PLI; Italian Liberal Party)

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